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In Re Application of:

Kenneth FRANCO et al.

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Group Art Unit: 3762

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Title: RESORBABLE ANASTOMOSIS STENTS AND PLUGS AND THEIR USE IN

**PATIENTS** 

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a preliminary amendment in the above patent application.

	A Petition	for	Extension	of	Time	is	enclosed.
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Also enclosed:

Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; and

a Return Postcard.

No additional amendment fee is required.

An additional Amendment Fee is required as calculated below.

No. of Claims Afte Preliminary Amendment	r		Most Claims Previously Paid		Extra Claims				Additional Fee
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A. Total Claims	93	-	96	=	U	X	\$18	=	0.00
B. Ind. Claims	4	-	4	=	0	Х	\$84	=	0.00
C. If amended to contain multiple dependent claims, add \$260 \$280							=	0.00	
D. Total Amendment Fee (Total of A, B & C)							=	0.00	
E. If small entity, 50% reduction of Total Amendment Fee (50% of D)							=	0.00	
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 18-0580. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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